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Laser Safety Challenges at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Implementing safety programs across a large campus with a decentralized organization poses great challenges. Seemingly simple tasks such as maintaining an accurate inventory are difficult. Moreover, laser systems and set-ups used in research are frequently disassembled, modified, or moved to a new location. This presentation discusses the challenges for the LSO to meet the legal requirements and how the Division of Research Safety has recently revised its laser safety program to counter the problems identified in the past and to improve laser safety on campus.